

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING DECEMBER 8TH

Next meeting Fri. 26th Nov.
Talk by John Hofmeister

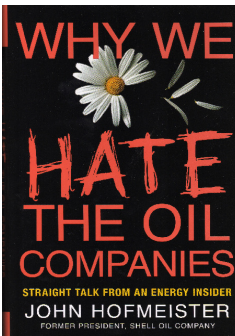
STOP PRESS NEWS

Smart Energy Monitors now available for loan from the Information Centre in Church Street.

Special points of interest:

- Talk by John Hofmeister—past President of Shell Oil U.S.
- Cheese and Wine evening
- News in Brief
- Membership renewals

John Hofmeister



Stretton Climate Care, have at extremely short notice been able to persuade **John Hofmeister, former President of Shell Oil U.S.A. to come and talk in Church Stretton on Friday 26th November, 7.30pm at the Secondary School.**

We have been in touch with John for some time for he is President of Citizens for Affordable Energy in the States which he set up on leaving Shell Oil. Finding himself in the U.K. at the end of next week he has graciously offered to come and support Stretton Climate Care by talking about the energy industry in the States and the love hate relationship Americans have with oil.

John is crisscrossing the States campaigning to change the way we look at energy. His recent book, "Why we hate the oil companies" is a best seller – he has offered to sign copies which will be available on the evening.

Do try and come to support this event. We are in for a lively discussion! If you can't come yourself, please tell others. This is a rare opportunity to hear the inside story of Big Oil and John's efforts to get politics out of energy and establish an orderly transition from fossil fuels to an affordable, sustainable energy future.

First we attracted Mark Lynas, then Sir John Houghton, then some of us shook the hand of H.R.H. and now the past President of Shell Oil, U.S. We really need a full house to make his visit worth while. Let's show him the Strettons are taking Low Carbon and energy efficiency seriously.

Cheese and Wine Evening Wednesday 8th December

Entitled a Recipe for Disaster this informal evening is at the Tea Rooms, Carding Mill Valley, at 7.30pm. A light ploughmans and wine is provided in the ticket price of £7.50. Tickets from Burway Books—hurry they are going quite quickly and limited to 60 places.

The Recipe is in our all new and fantastic cookery book, full of tasty recipes and energy saving tips. At just £5.00 it will make a great Christmas gift

Our **special tote (shopping) bags** will also be on sale for the first time—two sizes. A minimum price of £2.50 or £3.00. They are made by Ann Ashworth and the materials donated by Lynn Harvey.



Local wine at Ludlow Food Centre

Some of the food is being donated by The Ludlow Food Centre and there will be a **fantastic Christmas Hamper for raffle**—supported by West Midlands Co-op. We will also have a selection of hand crafted and painted greetings cards.

The Disaster is the crisis we all face with climate change and a short topical film will be shown during the evening.

This is a fund raising evening and a chance to informally meet the team

News in Brief

- **Renewable Heat Incentive:** The Government has announced a parallel scheme to Feed In Tariffs to encourage households and businesses to install renewable heating systems. Air, water and ground-source heat pumps, solar thermal, biomass boilers, renewable combined heat and power, use of biogas and bioliquids and injection of biomethane into the natural gas grid will all qualify.

- These systems will from June 2011 qualify for an annual payment to acknowledge the contribution they will make to reducing our reliance on fossil fuelled heating which is responsible for 47% of our national carbon emissions

How the scheme works

If you replace your existing fossil fuel heating system (e.g. gas, oil or coal) with a renewable technology you could get paid a set amount each year as an incentive for you to reduce your CO₂ emissions and help prevent climate change.

The Government are not proposing to measure the heat generated from installations. Instead, an estimated figure will be used to work out payments.

The estimated figure represents the amount of heat energy needed to warm the home and/or hot water and will vary by house age and size, as well as by technology. It has been proposed that payments would be made annually to householders.

- **Price Increases:** Scottish & Southern Energy said it'll hike gas prices an avg 9.4% on 1 Dec. and British Gas have announced a 5% increase for both gas and electricity. The other suppliers will no doubt follow. Energy prices will continue to rise so it makes sense to have a home energy survey to help make your home as energy efficient as possible. We have now passed the 300th survey. Have you had yours? Have you encouraged your neighbours to have one? Our volunteers are waiting to help.

- **Disinformation:** On 21 October, 2010, [John Broder of the New York Times](#), reported that "the fossil fuel industries have for decades waged a concerted campaign to raise doubts about the science of global warming and to undermine policies devised to address it".

According the New York Times article, the fossil fuel industry has "created and lavishly financed institutes to produce anti-global warming studies, paid for rallies and websites to question the science, and generated scores of economic analyses that purport to show that policies to reduce emissions of climate-altering gases will have a devastating effect on jobs and the overall economy."

- **Fuel Poverty:** The Rural Services network produced a report in September 2010 which showed parts of South Shropshire as reporting 8.8% incidence of Fuel Poverty. Far higher than the national average. To help address we are supporting a determined effort to reach these households and offer advice. There is some help available but many do not know how to access it.

Membership Renewals

Membership renewal was due 31st October. If you have not renewed your membership this will be the last newsletter you will receive. We really do value your support and more than ever before the very modest annual subscription is vital to enable us to continue our work in helping the community become low carbon and energy efficient.

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